

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-24 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 12, 13, 23, and 24 are amended. The amendments are supported by the specification and the originally filed claims. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-8 and 10-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for the asserted indefiniteness. This rejection is traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome in view of the above amendments to claims 1, 12, 13, 23, and 24. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-8 and 10-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-8 and 10-24 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Thus, in view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing attorney-docket number **108910-00129**.

Respectfully submitted,



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